

TRIBUTE TO WILFRED EUGENE
TICKNER UNITED STATES ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Wilfred Eugene Tickner of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On January 3, 2004, Mr. Tickner retired after serving the people of this Great Nation for over 42 years.

Eugene Tickner is a talented engineer, who spent his career improving our Nation's infrastructure and ensuring that projects vital to our coastal areas are completed. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Tickner's contributions to our Nation have not gone unnoticed. He has been honored with the Engineer Regiment Bronze de Fleury Medal, two Commander's Awards for Civil Service, several Exceptional Performance Commendations, and the Division Commander's Award for EEO.

As Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management of the Wilmington District United States Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Tickner served the people with his involvement in many of the civil works projects in southeastern North Carolina. His innovative and unifying approach to solving problems has resulted in the timely completion of many projects that, without his involvement, may not have been possible. It is because of the dedication, determination, and leadership of Mr. Tickner that the people, animals, and ecosystems of the areas covered by the Wilmington District continue to flourish. From the Wilmington Port to the Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender County beaches, his commitment has been unwavering and steadfast.

We owe Wilfred Eugene Tickner our sincere appreciation for his 42 years of committed service to our Nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE JACKSON HIGH
SCHOOL BLACK HISTORY TOUR
GROUP

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Jackson High School Black History Tour Group, a unique student organization started 10 years ago in my district that endeavors to share Black history and culture with the State of Michigan and the entire Nation.

In 1994, Jackson High School teacher Shirley Pitts recognized a desire among her students to learn and actively teach others about Black history. Though it began as a humble, once-a-year school program, her idea quickly grew into a year-round celebration of heritage and culture.

The Black History Tour Group is comprised of more than 30 students who travel to different schools, community organizations, and

events. These students perform in a variety of artistic media including songs, poetry, dramatic readings, and theatrical sketches. They are some of the brightest, most talented members of their class, and they all share a deeply founded interest in Black history. Group members devote a great deal of their time and effort to their rehearsals and performances, but they are also active in many other ways at school and throughout their community.

Since its inception, the Black History Tour Group has been gaining both popularity and recognition. Among its distinguished highlights, the Group performed before the Michigan State Senate in 1997, in the East Room in the White House in 1998, and at the Presidential Inauguration in 2001, as one of only 3 groups to represent the State of Michigan.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am very pleased to recognize the Jackson High School Black History Group for its first 10 years of excellence in the promotion of Black culture and heritage. We praise you for your dedication and hard work.

TRIBUTE TO GWENDOLYN E. BOYD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today in honor of Gwendolyn E. Boyd, the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for her service and dedication as a community leader and volunteer. The members of the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will gather with Ms. Boyd on January 31, 2004 for the 91st anniversary of the founding of this honored sisterhood.

Ms. Boyd, a hardworking and motivated woman, is an inspiration and role model to all. She received her B.S. degree in Mathematics with a double minor in Physics and Music from Alabama State University. She thereafter pursued her Masters of Science degree at Yale University. Today, she is an engineer and the Assistant for Development Programs at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Committed to her work, Ms. Boyd nonetheless remains compassionate to the numerous community service organizations with which she is actively involved. She is a member of Leadership Washington, an organization committed to improving the quality of life in the Greater Washington Region and is actively involved with the Children's Research Institute of Children's National Medical Center. She is the founding chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Non-Profit Strategic Planning and Community Leadership and also served as President of the Board of Directors of United Way of the National Capital Area. A dynamo of a public servant, she also actively participates with The Links, Inc., the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women and many other organizations.

Unselfish in her endeavors, Ms. Boyd can be found motivating others through inspirational speeches and workshops around the country. She routinely gives lectures on positive growth and the development of youth; conducts career development seminars; and often provides words of wisdom at commencement speeches to our future leaders.

It is no surprise to me that Ms. Boyd has been acknowledged and honored for her service and commitment on many occasions and by various organizations. I know that all my colleagues join with me in honoring her today and wishing her every success in the future.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN ALLEN
POEHLER FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kevin Allen Poehler, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 87, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kevin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the twelve years Kevin has been involved with scouting, he has earned 29 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. Kevin is also a Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kevin planned and installed a brick driveway entrance and sidewalk for the Cameron Depot Station for the Historical Preservation Society of Cameron, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kevin Allen Poehler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER
893, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Chapter 893 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), located in Springfield, Virginia.

NARFE is a multi-tiered, political, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving the earned retirement benefits of all Federal civilians. Membership eligibility includes current, former, and retired Federal civilians, as well as their spouses and survivor annuitants. Chapter 893 is one of over 1600 NARFE chapters nationwide.

From December 1963 to October 2003, the Springfield Chapter grew from 14 to 1,793 members, making it the fifth largest NARFE chapter. The majority of Chapter 893 members reside in the Springfield area; however, nearly 200 members reside outside Virginia, with two members in the Netherlands and Canada, respectively.

Over the years, Chapter 893 has become one of the most active in NARFE. It long has